

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An image retrieving device for classifying and retrieving an image by detecting an object in the image and adding a keyword, comprising:

an image storing section for storing the image which is supposed to be classified and retrieved together with the keyword in a database;

an object acknowledging section for acknowledging a predetermined object in the image which is inputted;

a keyword proposing section for proposing the keyword which relates to the object which is acknowledged by the object acknowledging section; and

an object information inputting section for confirming, adding, and correcting the keyword which is proposed by the keyword proposing section.

2. (Original) An image retrieving device according to Claim 1 wherein the object acknowledging section comprises:

a human detection condition inputting section for setting up conditions for determining whether or not the image contains a human;

a face image detecting section for detecting a face image in the image; and

a face image similarity determining section for detecting a face image which is detected by the face image detecting section so as to detect a similar face image stored in the database according to the detected face image.

3. (Original) An image retrieving device according to Claim 2 wherein the object information inputting section serves as a personal information inputting section for confirming, adding, and correcting a personal information.

4. (Original) An image retrieving device according to Claim 2 wherein a skin color area detecting section for detecting a skin color area in the image is used when the human is detected.

5. (Original) An image retrieving device according to Claim 2 further comprising a keyword proposing section for proposing the keyword to the image which is inputted last in a case in which the similar face image is not detected by the face image similarity determining section.

6. (Currently Amended) An image retrieving device according to claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 5~~ wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

7. (Original) A method for adding keywords in an image retrieving device for classifying and retrieving an image by detecting an object in the image and adding a keyword, comprising the steps for:

- storing the image which is supposed to be classified and retrieved together with the keyword in a database;

- acknowledging a predetermined object in the image which is inputted;

- proposing the keyword which relates to the object which is acknowledged by the object acknowledging section; and

- confirming, adding, and correcting the keyword which is proposed by the keyword proposing section.

8. (Original) A computer program for a computer in an image retrieving device for classifying and retrieving an image by detecting an object in the image and adding a keyword, comprising commands for:

- storing the image which is supposed to be classified and retrieved together with the keyword in a database;

- acknowledging a predetermined object in the image which is inputted;

- proposing the keyword which relates to the object which is acknowledged by the object acknowledging section; and

- confirming, adding, and correcting the keyword which is proposed by the keyword proposing section.

9. (New) An image retrieving device according to claim 2 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

10. (New) An image retrieving device according to claim 3 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

11. (New) An image retrieving device according to claim 4 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.

12. (New) An image retrieving device according to claim 5 wherein the keyword is added according to a retrieving template which is formed by the keywords which have hierarchical structure.